

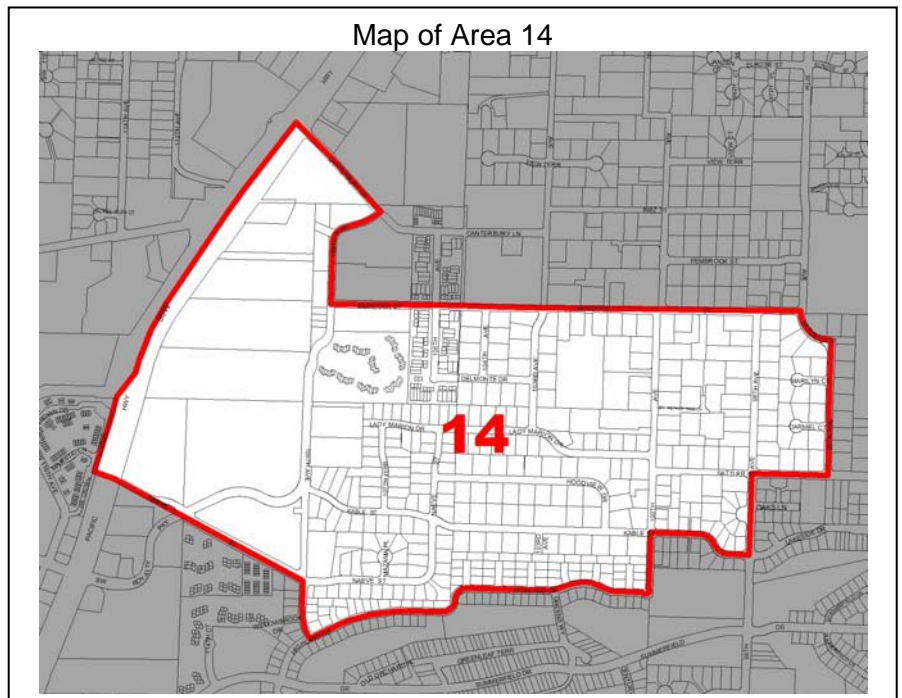
Community Assessment Program Area 14 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on June 25, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 14 is bounded on the north by Murdock Street (Murdock Street does not connect between 103rd and 106th Avenues), on the east by 96th Avenue, on the south by Highland Drive in Summerfield, and on the west by Highway 99W.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.



Kudos – Lots of Kudos for this area including wonderful landscaping comments, nice flowers, and well maintained homes and yards.

Addresses not visible – There were several homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or 27047@ci.tigard.or.us

Overgrown vegetation on private property – Did you know that any grass over 10 inches tall is considered noxious vegetation and a violation of city code? There were a few comments that grass is beginning to get high on several properties in this area. Make sure to stay on top of the mowing as the warmer weather gets here. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us

Basketball hoops in right-of-way – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops appeared in the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or christine@ci.tigard.or.us.

Street maintenance – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority

for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or howard@ci.tigard.or.us .

Signs without permits/located in the right of way – Did you know that all signs, even temporary signs, require permits? We noted several temporary signs that did not have permits and some that did have permits but that were placed in the right of way. The right of way includes the sidewalk and the planter strip between the sidewalk and the street. To obtain a temporary sign permit and get more information on the allowed locations for signs, contact the Planning Permit Technicians at 639-4171 x 2424 or email them at kristie@ci.tigard.or.us or cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us.

Vegetation obscuring traffic signs – There was at least one example where vegetation had been allowed to grow tall enough to partially obscure a traffic sign. This can create a potential safety hazard. The Public Works Department will send someone out to assess the situation and recommend appropriate follow-up action but you can help in the future by keeping vegetation trimmed away from important signs. For more information, contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or sam@ci.tigard.or.us.

More ways you can help make our community better –

If you spot graffiti contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

Neighborhood Watch - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

Help protect our streams - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or liz@ci.tigard.or.us. The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.